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Delbosque was convicted of two counts of lewd assault on a minor under 16 years of age.
Florida law requires that all predators keep law enforcement personnel up to date on their current residence. Law enforcement



agencies encourage local media to publish the information whenever a convicted sexual offender or predator moves into a new neighborhood.



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The Palm Beach County
Sheriff's Office is hosting a retirement party for Sgt.
John Raulerson on Friday,
Feb. 18.

Spaghetti Supper
The Pahokee Elk's Lodge
is hosting a spaghetti
supper on Friday. Feb. 11
beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets
are \$6 for adults and \$5 for
children. Take out will be
available.
The Lodge is located at
691 East Main, Street,
Pahokee.

Grant program workshop set

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Are you planning to start,
expand, rehabilitate,
improve, or relocate your
business in the Glades'
The Palm Beach County
Economic Development
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Belle Glade, South Bay,
Pahokee and
unincorporated areas to
attend a presentation of the
Development Regions
Grant Program Year 2000.
The meeting will be held

The meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Palm Beach Community College, Glades Campus in Room For more information or

directions call Autrie Moore-Williams at 992-

Public meeting on reconstruction of S.R. 715

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A public information meeting will be held Feb. 10 at Belle Glade City Hall in the commission chambers to discuss reconstruction of S.R. 715.

The meeting will be from 5:30 to 7 pm. and residebts from Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay are invited to attend.

CYCI Awards banquet scheduled
The Concerned Youth For Community Improvement, Inc. (CYCI) awards banquet will be held Saturday, Feb. 12 in the City of Pahokee Community Center, 3600. East Main Street, across the street from Burger King at 6 p.m.
For tickets or information, call Rev. Patricia

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The South Bay City Commission issued a proclamation at their Feb. 1 meeting honoring Marguerite Miller as an exemplary citizen and pioneer. Mrs. Miller, who was born in South Bay in 1919, the daughter of the city's lock tenders, worked as the postmaster for nore than 40 years before her retirement. Pictured, from left to right, City manage wilched Jackson, Commissioner Commissioner Clarkssa Davis, Miranda Smith, Mayor Clarence Anthony, Mrs. Miller and Commissioner Esther Berry. (Photo by Tracy Whirls

ACCA offers support for families of Alzheimer's patients

life, all educational and economic-backgrounds. Among them are retired farm workers, ministers, successful business people, homemakers. You may have worked with them at U.S. Sugar, Gressinger and Sons, A Duda or South Bay Growers. They may have been a deacon in your church or babysat your children. They are mothers, fathers, grandparents, long time resi-dents of the Glades who have vercrome many hardships to life, all educational and economic overcome many hardships to raise their families.

What they have in common is Alzheimer's, an incurable illness that is slowly robbing them not only of their livelihoods, but of

their memories.

The Alzheimer's Community
Care Association of Palm Beach
held a celebration for patients
and their families at the old
Pahokee High School Friday,
titled, "Honoring our Heritage,"
recognizing the contributions the recognizing the contributions the seniors have made to the Glades during their lifetimes here. Family members and caregivers shared biographical information and fond memories and lit a candle in recognition of each participant and each participant was presented with a rose.

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Care program from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the old Pahokee High School, 360 E. 1st Street, was

founded in 1996 by a group of concerned citizens, caregivers and donors who were committed to establishing and providing local programs and services for patients and caregivers of Alzheimer's disease and related

disorders.

In addition to the day care program, the ACCA offers family gram, the ACCA oners tamily consultant programs, and sup-port groups for caregivers and other family members of Alzheimer's patients. Currently the program, staffed

by program manager Lynette Wiseman, Family Consultant Wiseman, Family Consultant Sandy Choate, Program Nurse Kathy Davis and program assis-tant Tracy Haithcock, serves 25 patients, although all don't attend every day.

To determine whether a loved

To determine whether a loved one is experiencing normal for-getfulness or Alzheimer's, the ACCA suggests looking for the following symptoms:

1. Job skills are affected by recent memory loss. While it's

not unusual to occasionally forget assignments, the names of cer-

assignments, the names of cer-tain colleagues or business phone numbers, and remember them later. People with Alzheimer's may, forget these things more often and not recall them later. 2. Difficulty performing famil-iar tasks. Most people get dis-traçted at times and occasionally forget to do things like serve the bread until dinner is over. People with Alzheimer's disease could forget they made an entire meal. 3. Problems with language. We

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moment. People moment. People with Alzheimer's however can forget where they are, even on their own street. They can get disori-ented to the point where they don't know how they got where they are, and how they can get

5. Lapses in judgement. People can become so absorbed in an activity that they temporarily lose track of the child they are

lose track of the child they are watching, for example. People with Alzheimer's could forget that they are caring for the child attogether. Alzheimer's victims may also dress inappropriately.

6. Difficulties with abstract thinking. We can'all get confused when doing simple tasks like balancing the checkbook or paying bills when the task is a bit more complex than normal. A person with Alzheimer's could forget what the numbers are and not know what needs to be done with them.

7. Alispfacing objects. Everyone occasionally forgets where they put their car keys or their wallet. A person with Alzheimer's dis-ease may put things in inappro-priate/places, for example they 7. Misplacing objects. Everyone priate places, for example they may put their keys in the freez-

4. Disorientation of location and time. It isn't unusual to for-get your destination or even the day of the week for a brief

Assisting with the Alzheimer's Community Care Association of Palm Beach adult day care program in Pahokee are senior companions, volunteers who receive a stipend to assist clients in the program. Pictured are, left to right, Vee Harrington, Eunice West Sanjuana Rodriguez, Sula Burgess and Girlie Humphrey. To learn more about becoming a senior companion, phone 924-7283.

8. Mood and behavior changes. We all get sad or moody at times. People with Alzheimer's disease can have dramatic mood swings, and go from calmness to sadness and go from calmness to sadness or anger, all for no apparent rea-

9. Personality changes. Our s. Personality changes. Our personalities change somewhat as we grow older, but the personality of a person with Alzheimer's may change dramatically.

10. Loss of initiative. Most of us get tired of doing housework, going to social functions or working day in and day out, but then

ing day in and day out, but then we regain our initiative. Someone with Alzheimer's disbecome involved again. Alzheimer's, or to volunteer,
For more information about Ms. Wiseman at 924-7283.

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Palms West sponsors Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship for local students

Students living in the west-ern communities interested in hatchee, FL 33470. April. Winners will be announced in or the scholarship, please con-tact the auxiliary office at 798ern communities interested in academic preparation for a career in the healthcare field are eligible to apply for the Palms West Hospital Auxiliary

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cholarship.

The Palms West Hospital The Palms West Hospital Auxiliary is a not-for-profit organization which serves the hospital, its patients and the community. Funds for the scholarship are dervice from profits of the Auxiliary Gift Shop, fundraising activities, and donations from the hospital as well as individuals. tal as well as individuals

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The criterion for selection includes academic performance, community invovlement, financial needs and interest in a healtcare career, Applicants must be over 17 years of age and live within the western communities defined as west of Haverhill Road, western commons.

gs west of Haverhill Road,
south of Northlake Boulevard,
north of Lantana Road, and
east of of the Glades including
South Bay and Palpokee.
Scholarship applications are
available by writing to the following address: Auxiliary
Scholarship Chairman, clo

lowing address: Auxiliary Scholarship Chairman, c/o Palms West Hospital, 13001

Pahokee. School Advisory Council to meet Feb. 16

All Panokoe Elementary School.
Parents are invited to attend the monthly School Advisory Meeting. The meeting will be held in the Media Center on Wednesday, Feb. 16 from 6-7p.m. Parents and community members are encouraged to join the 1999-2000 School Advisory Council. For more information call the school at 924-6466.



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Small changes can help improve overall health



S o m e even start it with a diet. Diets, however, generally only work as long as you stay on them. For changes in eating habits to do any real longterm good, they have to be more per-

ready to radically change their eating habits, "Low Fat Liv-ing," published by Prevention Magazine, offers some small changes that can help improve your eating habits. If you are under a doctor's

care or on any prescription medications, you should check with your doctor before making

with your doctor before making any changes to your diet.

According to "Low Fat Living," some of the little changes that can add up to big health benefits include the following.

Stop cooking with "vegetable" oils, margerines or lard.

Instead switch to dive oil

Instead, switch to olive oil, canola oil or sesame oil. Olive For those who aren't yet oil actually helps your body

make the "good" kind of choles-terol that helps rid the body of the "bad" kind. Sesame oil and canola oil don't promote the production of "bad" cholesterol. Researchers may soon and esearchers may soon add eanut oil to this list Recent research indicates

peanuts may have some of the same health benefits as olive same health benefits as olive oil. Keeping these three oils on hand gives you enough variety most recipes. Canola oil can be used in baking, such as in recipes for cakes or muffins that call for "vegetable oil." Sesame oil works well in Orien-tal cooking. Olive oil for he tal cooking. Olive oil can be used for just about everything

and vegetables, and if possible, eat them raw. Cooking foods can cause them to lose some can cause them to lose some nutrients. You also burn up more calories chewing and digesting raw fruits and vegdigesting raw fruits and veg-etables than you do consuming cooked foods

* Limit consumption of fruit juice to one small glass per day. A small glass means four

There's a reason those fruit juice glasses are small. While fruit juices contain vitamins, they also contain a lot of natural sugar. Studies have shown that children who drink mor

Try to eat more fresh fruits day are more likely to be over-describes, and if possible, and the pounds because you and of the pounds because you would have to eat several pieces of fruit to get the same amount of fructose that you consume by drinking one glass of juice.

* Drink water, lots of it. Study after study shows that drinking at least eight glasses of water a day can improve your digestion, help you lose weight, help your body rid itself of toxins, improve your skin, help prevent bladder infections and help you live longer. The advice to drink water means just that. Drinking sodas, cof-fee, tea, juice, etc. does not

re supposed to drink the eight classes of water in ADDITION to any other beverages you con sume. In fact, the caffeine ir sodas, coffee and tea can cause your body to lose water and even dehydrate.

Eat breakfast (a healthy one). If your mother told you breakfast is the most important meal of 'the day, scientific research says she was right. Eating breakfast first thing in the morning helps boost your metabolism. Skipping break-fast can cause your metabolism to slow down, making it harder for you to lose weight

ER Cronicles: Okay, here we go!



Julie, I heard that guy from the truck roll-over vesterday ed up in the ICII

morning. MD nurse Phil
was chatting

glanced through a magazine at the ER nurseis desk. "Yeah, I heard that, too,"

Julie said as she looked up at Phil. "I really didn't think he'd

At the emergency physician's desk, Tammy Cortez thumbed through the latest Annals of Emergency Medicine. The ER Unit secretary was on the phone with her husband, dis-cussing a water heater prob-

This was really strange) It was 2 o'clock in the after-It was 2 o'clock in the after-noon on a Friday, and the place was empty. Phil had dis-charged that last patient a few minutes ago, and everyone working in the ER just sat down

In an emergency department sees an average of 114 nts per day, this was a

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

very unusual situation.
"This is kinda eerie;" Julie remarked as she turned her eyes back to the magazine.
Cortez looked up. "Yeah, this weird" Then with a formula with a

Cortez looked up. "Yeah, this is weird." Then, with a frown, she added, "You know we're gonna pay for this later."
"Don't worry, guys," Phil said with a confidant voice, "They'll all-be here sooner or later."
Saveral minutes, nassed

Several minutes passed.
Each staff member looked up
and around the room every
minute or two, not believing
that there really weren't any

"What if nobody ever comes in here again?" Julie's question brought a chuckle from the

Then it happened.

At the same instant in time a pale, sweaty, bald man stag-gered through the electric doors, and the Medic 125 para-medic called on the ER radio. Julie and Phil ran to catch

the bald man as he collapsed toward the tile floor. The ER tech wheeled a stretcher toward them as the ER radio blared from the desktop behind

"This is Medic 125. We're at your back door with a 15-month-old boy in shock We're-having trouble getting an IV line, and his blood pressure is barely audible at 50. See you

Cortez stood up and took a deep breath.
"OK. Here we go!"
She helped hoist the bald

man up onto the stretcher. He was dead weight.

"He doesn't have a pulse!

Now everything moved up into a higher gear. Cortez grabbed the heart monitor wire leads as Phil and Julie went to work. One

searched quickly for a vein on the man's arms. One connected the monitor leads as a Respiratory Therapist tried to push oxygen into the man's lungs and the ER tech pumped on the

Then, from outside the room came a concerned voice.
"The baby's here!"

Cortez looked up. "Phil, fol-w protocol here while I check ut that baby."

She ran to the next room.

"What do we have?" Cortez listened to the paramedic's report as she grabbed à small plastic tube that she passed quickly down through his mouth and into his trachea.

A nurse squeezed oxygen from a bag into this tube. Another applied the heart monitor leads and tried to obtain a blood pressure. A third nurse hunted unsuccessfully

for a vein on the baby's arms

or a vein on the baoy's arms and legs. Cortez knew there was no time to spare. She plunged a large needle into the boy's right shin bone. It made a popping sound as it entered the marrow cavity.

"Get some saline going here!"
She ran back to the bald
and room. The ER tech was still pumping on that chest; the heart monitor still showed a

flat li 'Nothing yet," Phil said calmly.

calmly.
"You sure the leads are hooked up right?"
"Yes, Doc."
"You got good breath sounds in both sides of the chest?"
"Yes, Doc."

Several questions. answer each time.

"We tried that, Doc."

Cortez ran back to the baby's room. The first words she heard were quite distressing.

"We can't get a blood pres-

Couple orders here; race to ne other room. "Try these drugs now; are you sure that went in?" "What's the heart rhythm now?" "Give another

dose of epinephrine." "Run to the other room." "How's the had taken a quick 180-degree the other room." "How's the chest X-ray look?" "Let's try some Atropine." Hurry back to the other room. "How much fluid is in already?" "Start another IV line." "Is that Arte-rial Blood Gas report back

This quiet, calm afternoon

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency





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Sheriff's office seeks suspects in sex assault

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is investigat ing the abduction and sexual battery of Lake Worth woman who was found on Wedge-worth Road in Belle Glade

Saturday. According to a release from PBCSO Sgt. David Carhart, the woman was abducted at gunpoint from El Torrito Club, located at Melaleuca and Congress Avenue in Lake worm Friday at 11 p.m. then taken to Wedgeworth Road in Belle Glade where she was sexually assaulted

The victim was treated and released at Glades General Hospital.

The sheriff's office is looking

for two suspects in the inci-dent. One is described as a white male, 32 years old, 5'8" tall, weighing 180 lbs. with short hair. He was wearing black jeans, white sneakers button down shortsleeved shirt. The second sus-pect was described as a white or Hispanic male, 22 years old, 5'10", 160 lbs, wearing a long sleeve pullover with writing on it. The victim told sheriff's investigators the suspect goes by the name "Johnnie."

The vehicle driven by the

suspects was described as a

black Jeep.

Anyone with information Anyone with information concerning the alleged abduc tion and sexual battery should call Sgt. David Carha Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office at 996-1687.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office and Children

non's children when the nine responsive, and that she month old Tykevious Walker Burgess took the chi was laying on the bed in the was laying on the bed in the bedroom. Burgess told officers he heard a noise and went to the bedroom where he observed the baby lying face down on the floor, apparently having fallen off the bed. Burgess then took the child to a neighbor's residence, The neighbor told deputies the baby was not

Burgess took the child to Glades General Hospital, where he was examined by Dr. Buggia before being transported by Trauma Hawk to St. Mary's Hospital in West Palm Beach.

The baby underwent surgery Tuesday and was in stable condition Wednesday morning breathing on a ventilator.

PBCSO investigates injury to baby

and Family Services Office in Belle Glade are investigating the case of a nine-month old baby who suffered severe

the case of a nine-month ou baby who suffered severe head trauma Tuesday after allegedly falling off a bed. 'According to the report from the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Christopher Burgess, 20; was babysitting his girlfriend, Lyndora Shan-

COMING SOON

from The Sun...

2000 Medical Directory

On February 24, 2000, The Sun will publish a medical directory covering Western Palm Beach County. These directories are inserted into The Sun, given out at the local Chambers of Commerce, and distributed to advertisers to place in their waiting rooms, etc.

> Be sure to get your copy!

Join Glades General Hospital in celebrating National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week, February 7-11.

In celebration of National Cardiac Rehabilitation Week, Glades General Hospital is offering FREE Dietary Consults to our community. Come have a personal nutrition assessment done by our registered dietician, My-Lynh Watve. FREE information on diabetic, low fat, low cholesterol, cardiac diets.



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Letters to the Editor

Looking good

Dear Editor:

I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Public Works Department of our city for the hard work they are doing to keep our city

To the citizens of this great city, let us cont

To the citizens of this great city, let us continue to do our part in helping the city staff with this tremendous and much needed endeavor.

If you are not sure what should be placed beside the road for trash pickup, please call the Public Works Department and someone will be able to assist you and let you know whengyour trash will be picked up.

Again, thanks goes to Mr. Tommy Cone, director, Mr. Houston Tate, assistant director, and to the entire staff.

the entire staff.

Mary Ross Wilkerson Commissioner

Responding to a Speak Out caller

Dear Editor:

This is in response to last week's Speak Out regarding "Why not Fremd Village, 700?" It appears that the caller does not attend resident's meetings where many of these concerns are discussed regularly. However, we will gladly address them as often as needed.

Painting of Fremd: This was delayed due to problems associated with Hurricane Irene. However, Fremd Village resident leaders are scheduled to meet with us on February 9 on the color they have selected for their complex. We expect to go to bid within the next couple of months to select a contractor for this project.

Cabinet replacement for Fremd Village: This is a part of PHA's comprehensive Five-Year Plan. This work item is scheduled for a later year, however, based on the severity of damages, we may revise the plan and complete this project earlier than proposed.

Charges for Damages: The manner in which we charge for damages have not changed over the past years. There is still no charge for items damaged from wear and tear. However, residents must pay for damages caused by a family

Litter in yards: Upkeep of residents' yards is their primary responsibility. It is, however, incumbent upon the HA to enforce the lease—this we will continue to do. Most residents in Fremd Village take pride in maintaining their yards. There are a few, however, who do not. PHA's maintenance staff spends the first hour of cock day despired. each day cleaning the developments. They have to pick up litter, furniture, and debris in front of, units and around dumpsters daily. So does-the lawn maintenance contractor. It will help all concerned if people would take the initiative and use the dumpsters as opposed to the ground. This is an issue that we must work on together in order to correct.

Problems with children: I agree with the caller that there are serious problems with unsupervised children in Fremd Village. We ask continuously for support from parents, but to no avail. We receive many reports about children engaging in mischief, and other criminal gets, however, no one wants to call names; no one wants to get involved unless something happens to them. This does not help the children, the res-idents, or the community. The problems only

The Pahokee Housing Authority has an open door policy. The caller and any other interested party may contact us at any time to discuss their concerns.

Julia A. Hale Executive Director Victor Atkins, Deputy Director

Sidewalks are a blessing

Dear Editor:

I want to say "congratulations" to Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck and the City of Pahokee for the new sidewalks along South Barfield Highway. Certainly the most

Barfield Highway. Certainly the mothers and fathers of the chil-dren who walk lalong that route to get to school every week day can rest more securely now that their little ones do not have to compete with cars and trucks along the open road or grassy side

Well done Pahokee! Keep up the good work.

Rev. John Mericantante Pastor of St: Mary Catholic Church

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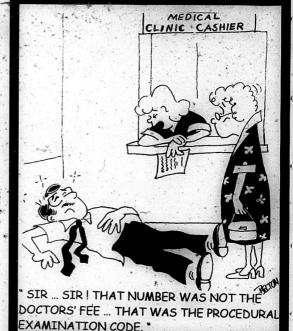
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Life behind bars: The stories of three South Bay Correctional Facility inmates

Tic Clock Tic
By "Ria"
Oh, how long must I wait? Why is this clock co nstantly at a stand still? Six years and counting. (Tic Clock Tic). I still don't get it. How can I be charged with murder if I was not there at the scene of the crime when the murder occurred? Can't the government see that I was only 16 years old and in high school at the time? (Tic Clock Tic).

Does anyone care that I was only a child? Oh how I wish I could go to school now. Or have a face-to-face conversation with my Mom and Dad. I wonder what my siste and brothers are doing as I speak? (Tic Clock Tic).

I really am sick and tired of officers telling me when to sleep, eat, speak, move, walk, stand, sit,

(Tie Clock Tie)

A message to the youth: What must it take for us to learn? What

must it take for us to learn? What must it take for us to see that our species are on the endangered list? We must take responsibility for our own actions and protect our-selves from being labeled a men-ace to society.

Please hear my voice because I am living proof that something is just not right. Let us not set ourselves up for failure.

I must put my faith in you to vercome this stereotyped debasing and the degrading names that have come to be known as labels

have come to be known as labers for the young generation. So, I ask you please, listen to the positive lesson you are given by the elderly, or even peers and. never mind the negative because you don't wait to be another case of the "I told you so."

So do the right things. Another day has gone. Only 19 more years until I'm home.

Tie Clock Tie

Doing time

Attention young people: be advised it's a brand new world liv-ing behind these prison gates of South Bay Correctional Facility

My name is "Solo" and I'm incarcerated with an appealing case of 22 years.

But, getting to my point, I want you to know my topic is raw and uncut, to get you to understand the rationalization of being locked Especially young me signed for young people who have develoned criminal mentalities such as elling drugs, and committing rob eries, the leading cause o

destruction to our young people's lives and the black communities. Everything seems fine - wearing nice clothes, gold teet u and dri-ving loud cars. It's one or two things that will happen to you, either you'll be that extra hump in ettner you in be that extra hump in the grave yard or a youth in prison with a life sentence. Here you will be exposed to homosexuality, thieves, liars, and so forth. All these types are doing time in the penitentiary.

these types are doing union in superitentiary.

I'm 25 years old and it's hard to stay focused given the things I've been through. So imagine what it would be like if I wasn't a glear-like the description! thinker...total destruction!

So, young people, stay focused and continue to educate your-selves. Be determined to elevate

ourself academically and morally Remember, this prison isn't going anywhere. Again, young people, my motive is to reach out and encourage you to develop leadership skills, as well as to be a

positive mentor upon the youth.
Only prayer by myself and others has allowed me to endure this term of incarceration positively. It also allows me to share and enlighten young people of the

environment of living in a prison.

I've been locked down since
January 3, 1996. I have a daughter I've never seen nor touched, other than on a picture. So now you can see the type of things you lose while locked behind the bricks.

So, young people, continue to educate yourselves, while I do the same, and continue to be focused, because growth and development comes with maturity.

Time is rapidly moving

This message is very profound because it's about a sensitive topic, because it's about a sensitive topic, "doing time." It took me five long years before I came to the realiza-tion that half a decade had rapidly

passed me by:
I started this journey at the ten-der age of 19. I had a bright future ahead of myself, at least that's the way I feel.

Being the baby of six siblings, I thought I couldn't do anything wrong without having the sup-

wrong: without having the sup-port of my whole family.

I lost my father only months after I entered this "City-of Madness." I found myself father-less, without all the love and joy I once enjoyed with family and friends.

The system (prison) is now both my Mother and Father - telling me when I can get up, when I can g sleep, when I can play, when I can talk, when I can watch TV, and, because of my decision, there's nothing I can do but deal with it.

If any of you young people thinkits "cool to be a foel" please think again. I personally ask that you stay in school and don't be no fool.

We are counting on you to direct us through this new millennium, so strive to be all that you'can be. regardless of the past situations in your home or community.

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Now is the time to prepare for hurricane season



It happens every January It happens every January suddenly, the jogging trail gets very, very busy. By February there are fewer and fewer folks huffing and puffing their way to physical fitness. And by March, the sneakers are gathering dust while people put off running for another day.

That is not a scientific observation between the control of the property of the propert

vation but a personal one. Since I tend to jog just about every day, I can-speak with some authority on the subject.

Take the past few days, for example. The jogging trail has been packed because folks have resolved to get in better shape Others may have given up smoking when the calendar turned from 1999 to 2000, while still others chose to turned spend more time reading good

Many of us make a New Year's resolution, a promise to ourselves that we will improve our life in some way. Often those resolutions, like running

those resolutions, like running on the jogging trail, sound good but are difficult to keep. Can I suggest a few resolu-tions that are easier to attain, resolutions not about jogging, noking or reading a good ook, but resolutions that focus a weather safety in our part of Florida?

Florida?

I know it's difficult to think of severe thunderstorms and hurricanes this time of year, particularly when the weather pattern is so nice. But I would argue that now is the precise time to prepare for Florida's

January, for example, is the perfect month to purchase storm shutters for your home. The companies that manufac-ture and sell storm shutters have been busy in recent years, because of changes in building codes and the realization by many people that aluminum or steel shutters custom built for their home is an expense worth

The problem is that most folks wait until the start of the hurricane season in June to order their shutters. Companies are overwhelmed with business and there is usually a long wait before the shutters delivered.

Why not resolve to buy the shutters now? Avoid the rush, the delay and, who knows, you

might even get a break on the

Here's another resolution that is easy to keep and won't take such a large bite out of your wallet: purchase a weath-

When a severe thunderstorm when a severe tuningerstorm-rolls through your neighbor-hood, the weather radio will sound the alarm, giving you valuable time to seek cover. These inexpensive devices(they cost between \$25 and \$75) can save your life in a weather

emergency.

Like a smoke detector, a weather radio will wake you up in the middle of the night if a tornado suddenly drops out of the sky. Plus, you can keep abreast of routine weather patterns by tuning into the radio out the day.

Florida enjoys the sunniest winter climate in the eastern United States and traditionally is one of the sunniest areas in the country each spring. But from May through November, the Sunshine State is a very stormy place with daily thun

stormy place, with daily thun-derstorms, occasional torna-does and increasingly frequent visits from hurricanes. Making a resolution to pre-pare for Florida's summer sea-son is easy. And it sure beats jogging two miles every day.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

nted Annette D. Francis with a Palm Beach County Sheriff Robert W. Neumann press

Plan beach county open mober w. Nomer is the plaque in recognition of her 25 years of service to the agency, from Jan. 23, 1975 through Jan. 23, 2000. Ms. Francis, who tracks fugitive warrants for the sheriff's department, is pictured with District 5 Commander Gary Frechette.

Hundley named vice president at Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative

John L. Hundley has been named vice president and reelected to the executive com-mittee of the board of directors of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida at the

Jan. 20 board meeting.

Mr. Hundley was appointed to the board on Aug. 21, 1986 and elected by the memberand elected by the member-ship to that position on Jan. 15, 1987. He was first elected to the Cooperative's executive committee on Jan. 16, 1997. He is president' of Hundley Farms, Inc., Frontier Produce and Double H. Farms, Inc. Following in his father's footsteps as a Glades area veg-table, and suvarence produc-

and sugarcane produc-dr. Hundley formed etable

poperative today, Hundley Farms has interest and grows sugarcane. sweet corn, rice, green beans radishes and ornamental turf in South Florida.

In addition to his active

involvement in the Cooperative, Mr. Hundley serves as the current president of Pioneer Growers Cooperative, a vegetable packing and sales house located in Belle Glade. He is a past gov-erning board member of the South Florida Water Manage-

ment District. "It's been my pleasure serv-

Hundley Farms in 1969 and ing the membership of the took over his father's charter "Cooperative," said Mr. membership in the Hundley. "I look forward to the Cooperative," said Mr. Hundley, "I look forward to the many challenges ahead and pledge to protect the interest of all the members as we move forward."

Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative is made up of 54 small and medium size sugar-cane farms located in Palm Beach County. The primary functions of the Cooperative functions of the Cooperative are the harvesting and processing of the members' sugarcane and the marketing of the raw sugar. This year the Cooperative expects to produce in excess of 350,000 tons of raw sugar grown on approximately 77,000 acres

RIME STOPPERS



Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Jessie Brinson who is wanted for violation of probation on charges of lewd assault. Brinson is a black male,

es of fewd assault. nson is a black male, tall, and weighs 290 ls. He has black hair and brown eyes and a scar on his upper lip. His date of birth is June 20, 1968.

His last known address was 696 S.W. First Street,

Apartment 3, Belle Glade His Social Security number is 253-23-1623 and his last occupa-tion was as a tractor driver. His warrant was active as of February 1, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Jessie Brinson or anyone

involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who tater are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let wishow. We will confirm the information and print it.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 628 complaints and gave 76 traffic citations the week of January 31-February 6.

Those arrested included:

January 31 - Eric Santigo, 18, possession

- 20 grams: Juvenile, 15, ijuana under 20 grams; Juvenile, 15, to appear on charges of disrupting a

cer without violence and failure to appear on

charges of driving while license suspended.

February 2- James Roberts, 36, loitering and prowling and failure to appear on three

counts of driving while license suspended.
February 3 - Patrick Brockman, 20, failure to appear on charges of driving without a safety belt and no license or improper driver's license; Lilly Lane, 20, contempt of court on charges of failure to comply with court order; Lorenzo Chatman, 30, aggraváted assault with a deadly weapon and battery; Ishmael Nelson, 18, domestic assault and criminal mischief; John Jordan, 33, burglary of a conveyance and petty theft.

February 4 - Everett Banton, 24, affray and criminal mischief, Alejandro Garcia, 19, trespassing; Eniel Cenesca, 33, resisting arrest with violence; McKelvin Kane, 31, grand theft and domestic battery.

February 5 - Francisco Flores, 45, failco appear on charges of driving without a

February 6 - Gary Rolle, 47, order of commitment and possession of cocaine; Randolph Jackson, 43, battery on a law enfortement officer and depriving an officer of communication: Don Parker, 28, battery on a law enforcement officer; Miguel Manzano, 36, petty theft. caine; Randolph mitment and possession of co

The South Bay Police Department made 7 arrests the week of January 30-February 5:
Those arrested included:
January 30 - Chaka S. Wooten, 19, posses-

sion of marijuana under 20 gran

February 1 - No arrests made.

February 1 - No arrests made.
February 2 - Emmanuel Dixon, 46, forgery,
Nykia Boldin, 23, warrant for battery on a
law enforcement officer.
February 3 - No arrests made.
February 4 - Tavar Jones, 22, possession of
Commercial Results 23, possession of

cocaine; Kevin B. Smith; 23, possession of marijuana under 20 grams; Geoffrey Brown, 33, warrant for failure to pay child support. February 5 - No arrests made.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 145 calls, issued 11 traffic citations and made 4 arrests the week of January 31-february 6. Those arrested included: January 31- John Desir, 19, aggravated

attery.
February 1. Darlene Lee, 46, retail theft.
February 2. No arrests made.
February 3. No arrests made.
February 4. No afrests made.
February 5. Seferino Molica, 21; battery

on a pregnant female; Angel Busto rant for failure to appear in court. February 6 - No arrests made.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's made 4 rrests the week of January 31-February 6. Those arrested included:

January 31 - No arrests made

February 1 - No arrests made. February 2 - Juvenile, 16, Belle Glade, rob-Pahokee, strong arm robbery.

February 3 - No arrests made.

February 4 - No arrests made.

February 4 - No arrests made. February 5 - Joe T. McDonald, 27, of South Bay aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; Ralph Jones, 33, Pahokee, introducing con-

traband into a penal institution.

February 6 - Anthony Dearak Bridges, 35,
Belle Glade, grand theft; Patricia A.

Brockman, 37, Belle Glade, domestic aggra-



Pahokee Chamber Banquet honors many volunteers



Pahokee Fire Chief Gary Burroughs presented Marvin Stewart Levins, grandson of long-time Pahokee fire chief Marvin Levins, with the Firefighter of the Year award.



Main Street Coordinator Shirley Jarriell presented 1999 Citizen of the Year Barbara Branch the Diamond award for her efforts in promoting the Pahokee Main Street pro-



Employee of the Year for the city of Pahokee ho were shared by Sheila Sanchez and David Snyder.



Chamber director and Banquet Committee Chair Hilda Edmondson presented new Chamber president Ken Law with the Director of the Year award. Mr. Law also accepted the Chamber's Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the AFJROTC Unit FL-9314 of Pahokee Middle Senior High School for their contributions to the community, including their participation in local parades and efforts to assist in distribution of food to families affected by Hurricane Irene.



Outgoing Chamber president James H. Brewer presented the president's award to long-time Chamber volunteer-Dot Vanlandingham. Mrs. Vanlandingham also received the Grassy Waters Festival Award for service "Above and Beyond."



e Police Cheif Carmen Salvatore presented 15 teran Sgt. Dennis Hodges with the Police Officer of the Year award.



David Snyder received one of two Employee of the Year awards for the city of Pahokee from Diane Walker.



Outgoing Chamber president James H. Brewer present the Business of the Year award to Wayne Whitaker Wayne Whitaker, Inc.



District 84 State Representative Addie Greene pre-ented Chamber president Brewer with a tribute rocelamation from the House of Representatives in sonor of the Chamber's upcoming 50th anniversary.

Pioneer of the Year, Business of the Year receive honors

Sugar Corporation, BFI, Browning-Ferris Industries, James A. Bennett Funeral Home, Lewis Friend Farms,

The theme for the 49th annual Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Banquet held Saturday was Reach for the Stars, and during the evening, local businesses and area pioneers were recognized for their contributions to Pahokee and the Lake region.

Rep. Addie Greene presented the Chamber with a tribute from the Floridal House of Representatives, giving local business people and officials credit for much of what she's bearable to accomplish during hereable to accom

Barbara Branch, Alice Thomp-son, Margie Branch, Mary Al-ice Moore and Sam Boris of Foodland.

The Chamber also recognized

The Chamber also recognized Adaline Stuckey as Pioneer of the Year. Mrs. Stuckey came to Pahokee by boat with her parents in 1914 at the age of 11, the oldest of ten children and the sister of Pahokee Mayor Duncan Padigett. The award was accepted by her nephew Jimmy Wilson.

Business of the Year honors were presented to Waynee Whitaker, Inc. while Sam's Investment Corp. owned by Sam Servestment Corp. owned by Sam's Investment Corp. owned by Sam's Investment Corp. owned by Sam's Inc. Whitaker, Inc. while Sam's Investment Group of Corp. Also recognized were outgoing directors Steve Baumgartner, Jill Pitts and Donia Adams Roberts.

The Chamber of Commerce Officers for 2000 are: Sgt. Ken Law, president, James A. Bennett, vice president, Diane Walker, treasurer, and Alice Thompson, executive secretary/director Chamber directors are: Lew Edwards, Hilda Edmondson, Juel Everett, Flora Mary Todd, Diane Walker, Cindy Raby Dr. R. L. Hatton, Reger Hatton, Lewis Pope III. Jámes A Bapnett, and Eddie Honeycutt.



Elsie L. Singletary was presented the Volunteer of the Year award. Mrs. Sin-gletary, president of the Ebony Elite, is the organiz-er of the annual Martin Luther King Day obser-vance in Pahokee, as well as a member of the AIDS Coalition, Concerned Citi-zens and other local civic organizations.



for her volunteerism



Main Street Coordinator Shirley Jarriel presented Father John Mericantante with a plaque in recogni-tion of his support of the Main Street program.



Newly elected Chamber president Ken Law presents outgoing Chamber president James Brewer with a gav-el in recognition of his years of service.



Mr. Tommy Harper and Mr. Robert Jones of the Gents Club, visit the RCMA Belle Glade Okcechobee Center during a "RIF Fun Day distribution. Community sponsors such as Gilbert's Jewelers, The Elite Community Club, The Gents Club and Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Russell gave generous donations to ensure a successful 1999/2000 RIF distribution. The RIF Reading is Fundamental Read-A-Thon is Feb. 28. The entire community is invited to attend.

Gove students recognized for meeting The Principal's Challenge

The following students met the second Principal's Challenge. These students are to be commended for the time they spent studying at home. Their hard work paid off! Six grade: Shandala Williams, Corshea Haslem, Sylvia Lott, and Clarence Anthony. Fifth Grade: Josse Soils, Javarius Tillman, Omar Palomino, Willenea Dennard, Javorius Dowdell, Luke Woodham, Leukevia Hudson, Stephanie Kirchman, Jamaehia Worthy, Forate Garcia, Casronell Courthpey, Andreas Roa, Yury Alonso, Chris Alexander, Steven Jackson, Teresa Ruiz, Hiba Ramahi, Sandy Joseph, Tranquilla Golden, Wayne Johnson, Elyira Hernandez, Miguel Velasco, Robert. Dowdell, Lacquinette Smith, Gion Jackson, Enjoi Saddler, Lloyd Monds, and Jeannette Almazan; Fourth grade Von Smith, Alex Williams, Wismick Lemene, Jessica Hand, Tarrar Wilson, Vionni Brown, Melvin Stewart, Jazmin Billings, Eddie Poole, Selomit Vargas, Christopher Deosaran, Richard Johnson, Sergio Zabala, Mahir Murshed, and Lethacha Meyers, Thride grade Emily Ana Spots, Lucia Almaguer, Alejandro Albor, Nuha Abraham, Dairent Beavers, Patrick Billings, Kathleen Johnson, Wil Kaki, Kimberly Kittrell, Matthev Lowell, Thomas Martinez, Amanay Mashni, Lissette Mora, Mercedes Powers, Jose Rodriguez, Laurenthia Shirley, Jarrett Swaby, Vanessa Varela and Kjerrar Wilson, Second grade: Yanetsi Acosta, German Calas, Cynthia Cardenas, Jachyn Garza, Jessica Ruiz and Annette Silva.

Cat Talk

from Gove Elementary



Gove Elementary welcomes new principal

We are happy to announce the appointment of Mr. Dan Alfonso as our new principal. Mr. Alfonso has replaced
Mrs. Pinkos who has taken a job at the District Office. We are delighted to have him as our administrator and
on behalf of the facility, staff and students, we extend a warm velcome.

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as "Students of the Month" for the month/of Januiary:
Kindergarten: Deijon Collins, Omar Santana, Alberto Machado, Dulce Rivera, Carlos Garcia, Denisha Day,
Amelia Jaramillo, and Ashley Copen. Kindergater-first. Ricardo Nunze. First. Anna Mooreno, David Escobedo,
Daniel Reyes, Volanda Nunce, Krysta Chancey, Julio Almazan and Raymond Posey. Second grader Rubi Monttel,
Marta Rivera, Loonel Lastra, Vanessa Saucedo, Reyes Reyes and Eloy Garza. Third grade: Lucia Almaguer,
Michael Cordero, Victor Cardenas, and Nuba Abraham; Fourth grade: Tarar Wilson, Irma Palomo, Dolores
Rodriguez, Jamie Castro, Rosa Mendozá, and Juan Cantu; Fith grade: Casronell Courtney, Emilio Reyes,
Kristah Rodriguez, Josue Solis, and Dunel Kritchman; Sixth grade: Jessica Lee, Adriana Flores, Alain Lezcano,
Jenkerria Slaughter, Francy Arrieta and James Thwell.

Read Across Americal

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday March 2

Celebrate Dr. Seess's birthday March 2 We will join with readers from across the nation to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss. There will be readers from Wellington, Landings Middle School who will visit classrooms and read to students, Every K-6 class will have a chance to listen to a story. Wellington Landings Middle School is once again having a book drive during the month of February. They will donate these books to our students. The books will be delivered to she school on March 1. Teachers will have a chance to visit the media center and to select books to share with their class.

- Parent recipe for making "Good Test-taking skills"

 1. Know when your child will be taking tests.

 2. Contist your childs teacher if you have questions about testing.

 3. Talk with your child about why tests are given.

 4. Remind your child or read carefully and ask questions if they do not understand.

 5. Make sure gour child gets to bed early and has a good breakfast.

 6. Listen to your childs concerns about testing.

 7. Make sure your child as nime and has the proper supplies.

 8. Give your child a positive, "You can do it," attitude.

FCAT: Feb. 15-18, 2000-Good luck!

Magnet applications

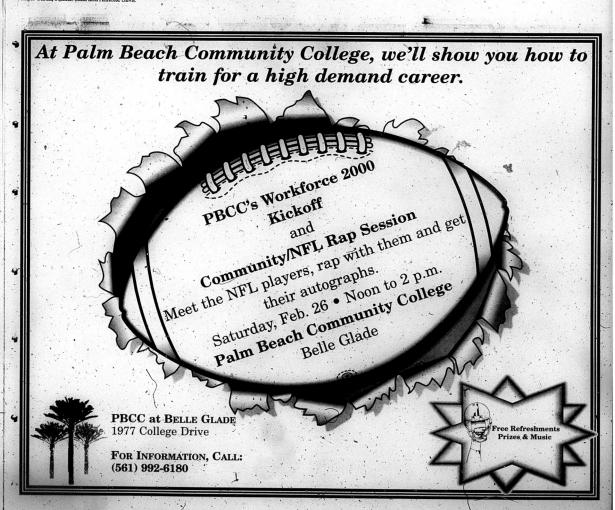
Parents of students entering kindergarten next fall need to fill out a magnet application from our International Studies Program whether they live in or out of our schol boundaries. Please stop by the school to pick up a form or call for an appointment at 993-1922. The application deadline is Feb. 25.

English and Spanish classes for Parents

As a result of the survey conducted last January, the English and Spanish classes for parents will start on Monday, Feb. 28. The class will be held twice a week, Monday and Wednesday between 5-7 p.m. The classes will meet in the Family Center and in the Resource Room. Hope you can come.

Upcoming Events

2/15-2/18-FCAT 2/17-SAC at 6:30 p.m. 2/25-Magnet application deadline.





Sports this week



Members of the Glades Central Raiders state champion football after signing letters of intent last Wednesday. Pictured from left the Mullins, Steve Messam, Carlton Baker, assistant coach Willie Bu coach Larry Antonnaci, Roosevelt Johnson and Robert Glibbons.

17 players from around the lake sign letters of intent

When national signing day was over Wednesday, 17 players from around the lake had signed letters of intent with colleges around the

country.

Pahokee High School had seven varsity football players sign collegiate letters of intent.

Parade Magazine All-American linebacker Eric Moore signed with the Florida State Seminoles,

rejecting an offer from Tennessee.
Other Blue Devils alum included linebacker Nedrick Boldin who signed with Lincoln University; wide receiver Octavous Jackson signed with Missouri; wide receiver Clayton Jones signed with Hampton; defensive lineman Augustus McKoy signed with Lincoln; linebacker Rodney Morris signed with the University of Buffalo, and defensive back Michael Rawls and Octavious Boute both signed with Lincoln. Glades Central High School ended with a total of six players signing letters of intent Wednesdiv.

signing Wednesday

As previously reported, line-backer Carlton Baker signed with the University of Arkansas, defensive end Clarence Laws. signed with the University of Kansas; wide receiver Stephen Messam signed with the University of Central Michigan; defensive back Johnny Mullins,



Glades Central defensive end Clarence Laws is pictured with his family after signing with the University of Kansas.

(Photo by Adrian "Big A" Vereen) signed with Duke University and defensive ineman Santonio Thomas, and wide receiver Reginald Vickers both signed with the University of Florida Joining their team mates in signing letters of intent Wednesday Wednesday. Wide receiver Erick were Glades Central fullback Green signed with Virigina Tech and defensive back Alforsso Marshall signed with Miami.

NFL players coming to PBCC

Players with the National Football League are coming to Palm Beach Community Colleges "Fabulous Glades Campus" in Belle Glade Feb. 26 from noon to 2 Belle Glade Feb. 20 from most app.m. The NFL players will discuss their football experiences at the "Community/NFL Rap Session"

and sign autographs afterwards. The free event is open to the public and will include refreshments, prizes and music. The visiting play-ers will be at PBCC to launch the Workforce 2000 Glades Initiative. PBCC's Workforce/Career and Technical Education is now offer-

ing training for jobs that are in demand, including: drafting, administrative assistant, accounting operations, personal computer support, medical secretary and

Glades Day Gators enter last week of play at 8-15

The Glades Day varsity boys 65-62 and fell to Hollywood asketball team's record stands at Christian 96-40 but rallied to beat 8-15 as the team entered the last

8-15 as the team entered the last week of regular season play. Leading the team's efforts last last weeks actions the Gators week, Jesse Montalto sorred 46 lost to Pompano Beach Highlands

Tony Porter had 29 points, 35 rebounds. Patrick Cross contributed 11 points and 22 assists and Jonathan Lively scored 24 points and 25 rebounds.

Glades Day junior high boys finish season with 12-4 record

to be the best and I am very porud-of their effort and determination throughout the year," said Coach

that happens some times."

Standouts in the last week of play included D. J. Brown who totalled 19 points, 22 rebounds and

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Glades Day senior Josh Braddock, 17, son of Roscoe and Brend. Braddock of Belle Glade signed a letter of intent to play for Carson Newman next year as Gatori Head Coach Craig Dobson and assistant coach Eric Pitts and his parents looked on: Braddock, an offensive wand defensive tackle for the Gators, voted Most Valuable Player and offensive lineman MVP, was a three time All Area two time All Conference, All District and All State selection and participated in the Outback All Star Game. During four years at Glades Day he scored 50 tackles, 13 behind the line of serimange, six sacks, two blocked punts, leading to touchdowns, three caused fumbles and three fumble recoveries averaging 80-00 percent every game. Braddock, a 4.0 student, member of the National Honor Society and the Gators basketball team plans to major in business and communications.



100 Belle Glade City Commission...from Page 1

By making the coordinator answerable only to the com-mission, Mayor Miller said she felt the person could do their job without worrying about the worrying about the

"politics" of the city structure.
In other business, the commission rejected a possible osal presented 50/50 grant prop by Assistant Director of Fi-nance Jimmy Beno who said he had found a walkway grant that might allow the city walking path around Lyons Park and make improvements to Airport Park.

City Commissioner Steve Wilson questioned why the city should put a walkway around Lyons Park when other parks re not included

Mr. Beno said the city had asked him to seek recreational grant monies and this grant was one of the few he could find. He noted that Vice Mayor D. Bill Mathis had said he had received several requests from residents for a walkway around Lyons Park, Mr. Beno said he was trying to meet that need as well as find funding to make improvements to Airport Park

Commissioner Wilson said he couldn't understand how city staff could pursue funding for Lyons Park when at previous meetings citizens had com-plained about the poor condi-tion of Lakeshore Park and Air-

Underwood said some improve-ments have already been made at Lakeshore Park since the complaints, including resurfacing of the basketball courts. The city is also getting ready to install playground equipment at Lakeshore Park. Numerous improveme ents have also been at Airport Park.

Mayor Miller also disap-proved of Mr. Beno pursuing the grant, saying she could not approve taking the money from the city's budget at this time. In other business before the

commission:

· Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Miller gave special recognition to Belle Glade's school crossing guards. He presented plaques to Sharon Coley, Hendretta Drummer, Mikola Johnson, Jennifer Louis, Tenisha Myrick, Carmen Sinclair, Gladys Singleton, Phyllis Walker and Maxine Warren.

•Approved an Employee of the Month program.The honored employee would be pre-sented a plaque at a commission meeting, receive a \$50 sav-ings bond or gift certificate and their photo would be placed in the main lobby for the month.

• Discussed possible funding to build a pedestrian crossover over the Hillsboro Canal at

Recreation Director Mike Canal Street North and Canal Street South in the vicinity of N.W. 5th Street.

> • Agree) to purchase four Ford Crown Victoria pursuit vehicles from Duval Ford for the police department and four trucks for other departments.

> Approved the purchase of 12 in-car color video cameras for patrol cars. The cost, \$47,340, was obtained through a 1998-199 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

• Approved a workshop on Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. to discuss increases to various user rates.

· Approved travel for City Manager W. Shelton Smith to attend a workshop titled "Best Practices 2000" in Savannah, Georgia on March 29 through April 2 at an estimated cost of

•The mayor gave several proclamations, including: Declaring special recognition and appreciation to William A. Grear for his "Exceptional contributions to our city and for laying the foundation for our youth to pursue their goals."

·Special recognition was also given to the Glades Central Raiders for their victory as the 1999 State Division 3A High School Football Championship

Sunspots/From Page 1

Community Meeting The South Bay Public Safety Department will host a Com-munity Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Tan-ner Park. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss crime in general and juvenile issues concerning the residents of our community. Representatives from the South Bay Public Safety Department and other

agencies from the Glades com-munity will attend.

For more information, contact Ofc. Terry Moore at 996-6511 or 996-7703.

Revival
Miracle Temple, 104 S.W.
16th Street (SR 715) Belle
Glade, will begin Revival Feb.
13 at 11 a.m. The featured
speaker will be national evangelist Rev. Carroll Allen from the Church of God of Roswell,

Ga. The Revival will run Sun day at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and continue Monday through Fri-day with services starting at 7

Bingo every Tuesday
The Pahokee Elks Lodge,
East Main Street, offers bingo every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Lodge.

For more information call the Lodge.

Four named vice president at sugar cooperative

Recognizing their hard work and contributions to the Cooperative, the Board of Directors of Sugar Cane Growers Coop-erative of Florida made the fol-lowing promotions at the Jan-

uary 20 board meeting:

C. David Goodlett has been named Vice President-Government and Community Relations. Mr. Goodlett joined the Cooperative in 1991. Prior to joining the Cooperative, he served as Vice President-Local Government at the Florida Sugar Cane League for several vears and as District Manager years and as District Manager for former Congressman Tom Lewis. Mr. Goodlett is active in numerous community activities. He is past president of the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm. Beaches, the American Cancer Society and a member of the Judicial Nominating Committee. He is also active in Leadership Palm Beach Countries. Leadership Palm Beach County and is a trustee on the South Florida Fair Board.

Barbgra J. Miedema has been named Vice President-Communications. She joined the Cooperative in 1991 after serving as Vice President-Pub-lic Relations for the Florida Sugar Cane League. Mrs. Miedema is active in a variety of community activities includ-ing chairing the South Florida Water Management District's ing charing the South Florida Water Management District's Agricultural Advisory Commit-tee and sitting on the Board of Directors of the Palms West Chamber of Commerce. She is an Accredited Public Relations Professional (APR) through the Florida Public Relations Association and Public Rela-tions Society of America.

John Pitts has been named Vice President-Materials Man-agement. He joined the Coop-erative in 1963. Mr. Pitts is a member and past president of the Belle Glade Rotary Club. He is a past chair of the Black Gold Jubilee and served on the Gold Jubilee and served on the boards of Glades Day School,

Childreh's Home Society and Glades Management Board of Glades General Hospital. Luis Zauraluqui has been named Vice President-Plant Operations. He joined Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida in January 1987 as Assistant Chief Engineer. In 1990, he was promoted to Chief Engineer and Assistant Plant Manager. After Tirso Carreja's retirement in November 1998, he was named Plant Manager and Chief Engineer. Prior to joining the Cogineer. Prior to joining the Cogineer. Prior to joining the Cogineer. gineer. Prior to joining the Co-operative he worked for seven years as Chief Engineer for years as Chief Engin-Okeelanta Corporation.

"The professionalism and dedication of these people are a real asset to the Cooperative," said Cooperative, said Cooperative President George H. Wedgworth. "It's a pleasure to be able to recognize these people for their contributions to our organiza-











HIS Four Ministries will appear in concert, sharing the gospel message in song, Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Miracle Temple, 104 SW 16th Street (SR 715), Belie Glade. His Four Ministries, a southern gospel quarter comprised of lead vocalist and keyboard player Jim Reuter, his wife Cheryl who sings high tenor, baritone Skip Heule, Larry Taylor, bass, Tim Marlin on drums, Doug Sloan bass guitar and Jim Whatley sound technician. His Four-Ministries is a unique part-time ministry that have been singing together since 1990. They are not a family group or all from one church but are comprised of people from three different churches in the Charlotte County area and range in age from 26-50. They minister through a variety of music in their concerts including favorite hymn medleys some accapella, southern gospel. They are charter members of the Florida Gospel Music Association. For more information, phone 1-888-446-1346.

Obituaries

Helen S. McCormick, 84, of Belle Glade died Friday, Feb. 4, 2000 in Marathon, Mrs. McCormick worked in a local pharmacy and at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce for many years. Her husband, Al McCormick preceded her in death.

Mrs. McCormick was a survivor of the 1928 Hurricans that killed over 2,000 residents of the Glades. Survivors include her Son, Vernon C. Stroble of Key West, seven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and three great grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 7 at Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade with Reverend David Day officiating. Entombment followed at Foreverglades Mausoleum in Belle Glade. Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.

Larry W. Simmons, Sr., 65 of Belle Glade died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000 in West Palm Beach. Mr. Simmons was born in Crystal River in 1934. He owned and operated a local coin laundry in Belle Glade for many years. He was a veteran servicing in the U.S. Air Force and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife France of R. V. C.

American Legion.

Survivors include his wife, Frances of Belle Glade; two sons, Terry Allen Simmons of Tallahassee and Larry W. Simmons of Belle Glade; a daughter, Cindy Simmons Kysor of Loxahatchee; a brother, Wiley Jones of Lantana; Bobby and Bonnie Peacock, Bobby and Linda Kunkel, David and Janis Meeks, Christine Barry, siz grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday, Feb. 7 at the Canal Point Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the Canal Point Baptist Church or to the Cancer Society. Arrangements by Glades Funeral Chapel, Belle Glade.

Red Cross presents elementary school leadership center

The American Red Cross is The American Red, Cross is sponsoring an Elementary School Leadership Development Center on Saturday, March 4 for fourth and fifth grade students. This event will be held at Belle Glade elementary. The goal is to encour-age young people to realize the value of community service and

value of community service aims, the benefits of helping others.

In order for youth to have the knowledge and the skills to make a contribution to their community, it is vitally important that they are taught leadership skills and the contribution of the contributi given the opportunities to put the day of workshops, the stu-dents attend several leadership classes and are also instructed in basic first aid.

There is no cost for this day of workshops and lunch will be proyided. There are a limited number of openings and registration will be taken on a first come, first

If your child is interested in par-

Shirley-Sims exchange vows

Jimmy L. Shirley and Marilyn Sims were united in marriage Jan. 2 at Parrish United Methodist Church in Parrish, Fla. by Rev. Bill Payne.

They were attended by Carol Wix, sister of the bride from Salem, Or., and John Robert Shirley, brother of the groom, from Ft. Meade.

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The bride carried orchids provided by Nancy and Milton Carpenter. Flute music was played by Marian Hatton and Dr. R. L.

Hatton sang.

The wedding cake was cut
by Margaret Thierry of
Venice, sister of the groom.

A family reception was held at Skamania Lodge on the Columbia River in Washington, hosted by the bride's cousin, Kenneth Fields of Vancover, Washington.

Washington.
Following a honeymoon
trip from Washington to
Palm Springs, Calif., the
couple will reside at Anna
Maria Island on the west

Mr. Shirley had Shirley Tire Store in Pahokee for 20 years, Mrs. Sims was food service director at Everglades Regional Medi-cal Center in Pahokee until it closed.

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Hall-Lumpkin to wed

Miss Sissie Hall and Mel Lumpkin have announced plans to be married Saturday, March 18, 2000 at the First Methodist Church in Clewiston.

in Clewiston.
Miss Hall is the daughter
of the late long time Hendry
County Commissioner
Charles E. "Chuck" Hall of
Clewiston and the late Joan
Hall of Clewiston.
She is employed as a
senior secretary at the
United States Sugar
Corporation

Corporation.

Mr. Lumpkin is the son of Doris Ralston of Clewiston and Foster Lumpkin of Belle Glade.

He is employed as paymas-ter at the Okeelanta Sugar ter at the Okeelanta Sugar Corporation. The wedding will take place at 6:30 o'clock in the evening and a reception will

follow at the Clewiston Elks Lodge.



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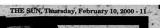
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That Palms West Hospital was first with this service should come as no surprise. Because we've found that the best way to serve the community is to listen to the people in the community – and then respond with the kind of programs and services that meet everyone's needs.

For more information about those programs and services, including cardiac catheterization, please call (561) 798-3300.

